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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, an Information Disclosure Citation form, and copies of the references cited thereon, are submitted.

With regard to TW 233473, Applicants do not currently have a translation of that reference. However, EP 0 486 006, which is in English, corresponds to TW 233473 and is submitted concurrently herewith.

Also submitted are translations of two documents that were issued in a Norwegian application corresponding to U.S. application 10/270,686. As a result of the prosecution in the Norwegian Patent Office, the Norwegian corresponding application was abandoned. However, corresponding applications were granted in the following countries: Great Britain, Sweden, South Africa, Australia, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, South Korea, New Zealand, Mexico, Hungary, Europe (including Germany and Spain), Poland, and Tunisia.

With regard to FR 2 586 558, Applicants do not currently have a translation of that reference. In addition, a search did not identify any English language corresponding

patents. However, a printout of the English translation of the abstract is submitted concurrently herewith.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the information submitted herewith and to return an initialed copy of the Information Disclosure Citation form to Applicants' attorney, reflecting consideration of the information.

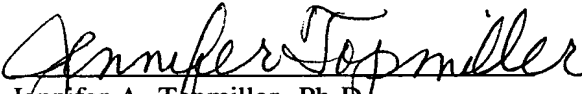
In the event that there are any questions concerning this Information Disclosure Statement, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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